

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN FPI

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are infinite possibilities of employment in food processing sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to facilitate the marketing of processed foods in the country and to create jobs through the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (b): Food Processing Industry is one of the major employment intensive segments constituting 12.34 per cent of employment generated in all registered manufacturing sectors in 2015-16. According to the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2015-16, the total number of persons engaged in registered food processing sector was 17.65 lakh. The unregistered food processing sector supports employment to 51.11 lakh persons as per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) 73rd Round, 2015-16.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the scheme 'Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages', a component scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), entrepreneurs, cooperatives, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and central/State PSUs etc. for effective and seamless backward and forward integration with the farmers and processors at one end and with the consumers on the other end. The components of retail outlets/distribution centres under the scheme facilitates marketing of the processed food in the country.

(e): Does not arise.